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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

MINNESOTA MEN AND WOODVILLE COMPANY CHARGED WITH INTRODUCING ADULTERATED FOOD INTO INTERSTATE COMMERCE

Mark Anderson, 37, Long Lake, Minn., Steven Perkins, 48, Spicer, Minn., and Woodville Warehousing and Distributing, LLC, Woodville, Wis., have been charged with causing the introduction of adulterated food into interstate commerce. Anderson and Perkins, dairy traders who operated in Minnetonka, Minn., are charged with four felony counts of causing butter that had been prepared, packed and held under insanitary conditions to be shipped in interstate commerce. The indictment alleges that adulterated butter was shipped from Iowa to Wisconsin on May 2, 2008, and from Wisconsin to Minnesota on May 5, May 7, and May 14, 2003. Woodville Warehousing and Distributing is charged with one misdemeanor count of causing butter it held from May 2, 2003 through May 20, 2003 to become adulterated.

If convicted, Anderson and Perkins face a maximum penalty of three years in federal prison on each of the four felony counts, and Woodville Warehousing and Distributing faces a maximum penalty of a \$200,000 fine. The charges against these two individuals and this company are the result of an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, with assistance from the Iowa and Minnesota Departments of Agriculture. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

FIVE CHARGED IN MARIJUANA DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY

Charles Schmidt, 24, La Crosse, Wis., Corey Irvin-Anderson, 26, Minneapolis, Robert

Michener, 26, St. Paul, Minn., Graham Plumhoff, 25, Milwaukee, and Scott Schwanke, 26, Minneapolis, are charged with conspiracy to distribute marijuana and with two counts of attempting to distribute marijuana. The indictment alleges that the conspiracy took place from Fall 2002 to September 27, 2006 and that it involved 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. The indictment alleges that the defendants attempted to distribute marijuana on November 3, 2005 and September 23, 2006.

If convicted, Schmidt, Irvin-Anderson, Michener, Plumhoff, and Schwanke each face a minimum penalty of five years and a maximum of 40 years in federal prison. The charge against them is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, and La Crosse Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG AND GUN CRIMES

Alfredo T. Mendez, 37, Madison, Wis., is charged with distributing cocaine and with possessing cocaine and marijuana with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he distributed cocaine on November 28, 2007, January 25, 2008, and February 19, 2008, and that he possessed cocaine and marijuana with intent to distribute on February 19, 2008.

If convicted, Mendez faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each cocaine count and five years on the marijuana count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF GUN AND AMMUNITION

Christopher L. Davis, 25, of Madison, Wis., is charged with being a felon in possession of a 9mm pistol and ammunition. The indictment alleges that he possessed the gun and ammunition on March 20, 2008.

If convicted, Davis faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department - West Community Policing Team. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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